Kanyakumari Devaswom Board

* 150 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the draft Bill for the constitution of the Devaswom Board for the Kanyakumari district sent by the State Government to the Central Government for their opinion has been received back; and

(*b*) when the Government propose to introduce the Bill?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The Bill will be introduced in the House as soon as the concurrence of the Government of India to it is received.

Ceylon repatriates

* 150-A *Q.*—Sri M. S. SELVARAJAN, Sri A. VEDARATHNAM, Sri A. A. RASHEED, Sri S. B. ADITYAN, Sri P. G. MANICKAM, Sri N. K. PALANISAMI, Sri T. T. DANIEL, Sri K. VINAYAKAM and Sri P. U. SHANMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Officer appointed to look after the repatriates from Ceylon has submitted his recommendations;

(*b*) if so, what his recommendations are;

(*c*) the action taken thereon;

(*d*) the number of persons who have returned from Ceylon to this State as a result of the recent internal disturbances there;

(*e*) the measures taken to rehabilitate them; and

(*f*) whether the Government have drawn the attention of the Central Government to the plight of Indians belonging to this State in Ceylon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Special Officer appointed to enquire into the conditions of the repatriates from Ceylon and suggest suitable measures for the rehabilitation, has submitted his recommendations to Government. A copy of his report[a] has already been placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The recommendations made by the Special Officer are contained in the report referred to in the answer to the clause (*a*).

(*c*) With reference to the Special Officer's recommendation regarding relaxation of service rules, orders have been issued for relaxation of the relevant rules regarding educational qualification, age, etc., in deserving cases where a repatriate is found *prima facie* suitable for appointment. Some of the other recommendations have been dropped as not feasible while the rest are under examination in consultation with the authorities and departments concerned.

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a Sent by post on the 11th June 1958.

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(*d*) 146 Indians returned to India via Dhanushkodi during the period 25th May 1958 to 20th June 1958 as a result of the recent disturbances in Ceylon. Two hundred and ninety-five Indians returned to India during the same period by air via Meenambakkam Air Port, but it is not known how many of these 295 Indians had come away on account of the recent disturbances.

(*e*) The number of refugees who have applied for relief is very small, viz., ten. The question of taking any general measures for rehabilitation does not therefore arise. The question whether any relief should be granted to those who have applied for it is however under consideration.

(*f*) The Government of India themselves have been keeping this Government informed of the conditions of the Indians in Ceylon and the recent disturbances and the steps taken to protect them. There was no need for this Government to draw the attention of the Central Government to the plight of Indians of this State in Ceylon.

* 150-B *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he met the Ceylon High Commissioner on 22nd July 1958; and

(*b*) if so, what subjects were discussed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Minister for Finance met the High Commissioner for Ceylon in India on 22nd July 1958.

(*b*) There was a general discussion about the situation in Ceylon.

Cumbly

* 150-C *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cumbli (woollen) weavers in the Salem district;

(*b*) the production during the last five years, year-war;

(*c*) how much of this production has been consumed by this State;

(*d*) how much exported during the above period (year-war); and

(*e*) to which foreign countries or States in the Indian Union?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) About 400.

	1958.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
(*b*)—	(Number of cumblies.)				
	162,000	157,500	145,500	132,000	120,000
(*c*)—	108,000	105,000	97,000	88,000	80,000
	54,000	52,000	48,500	44,000	40,000

The druggets are exported to Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, Ceylon and Kerala.